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A DILEMMA.—The Sheriff of Sacramento, Mr. Bryce, is in a quandary. He has received an order from a district judge, sitting in San Francisco, to place one Lloyd Tevis in possession of a certain parcel of land described in the writ, ejecting all persons now occupying it. The order was issued in a suit brought upon one of the celebrated "Sutler titles." Now, the Sheriff's dilemma is this: Almost the entire city of Sacramento rests upon the parcel of land described, and how to remove the population with the limited force at his command is a problem which causes him serious uneasiness. He has only about twelve men at his disposal, and if he increases this number by raising a posse he must necessarily call on men who are themselves subject to ejection. The suit of Tevis has been prosecuted very quietly, and the decision has taken the people of Sacramento by surprise. Some uneasiness exists, similar to that felt after a slight shock of earthquake, but in general the Sheriff's dilemma is regarded with characteristic California humor.

Though involving two different, but equally delicate points in law, this Sacramento "dead-lock" reminds us of a very complicated legal question described by Mark Twain. A land-slide had occurred and one man's farm, on a side hill, had been left completely covering that of another man. The question arose, of course, as to the ownership of the upper farm, and the man who owned the lower farm certainly had a fee simple title to the center of the earth to an indefinite distance in space, but the upper farm was so evidently the property of his neighbor that the latter was not willing to acknowledge a merely technical principle of law and lose his land. The proper way to do was to haul off the upper farm, but with the means at his disposal he found himself in a dilemma exactly the same as that of our California sheriff, whose duty it is to "haul off" a superficial deposit of human beings on the ground occupied by the city of Sacramento.

THE GREAT EASTERN.—The Great Eastern has not achieved the great results for which it was projected. It was originally intended to carry one of a fleet of six steamers of equal capacity for the Eastern trade. But it was found upon experiment that to navigate such a vast wonder vessel was a failure for all commercial purposes. The operating expenses and the difficulties of gathering a cargo and passengers sufficient in quantity and number to render her trips a pecuniary success proved futile. What she has not accomplished in one direction, however, she has admirably done in another. Although commercially and financially a failure such as would probably have disheartened her long ago, she proved to be just in time for the calls of science which have rendered her invaluable in an unlooked for capacity. Since 1865 she has been exclusively devoted to submarine telegraphic purposes, and during that time has laid in various parts of the world twenty thousand miles of deep sea electric cable, all of which is now in good working order. But for her the Atlantic cable might not have been laid. This vessel was the only one capable of affording accommodations necessary for stowing thousands of miles of heavy cable, and above all, affording the evenness or steadiness requisite for paying it out without difficulty or breakage. Since laying the Atlantic cable she has laid down others in all parts of the world. The British Australian, China Submarine, British India and British Indian Extension are only a few of them. She is now chartered to lay a fourth trans-Atlantic cable, and is awaiting its completion to start, lying now at Sheerness. The cable is to be manufactured by and laid under the auspices of the Telegraph Construction Company of England. She is expected in New York bay in August.

THE WEATHER REPORTS.—The idea which may be entertained by some that the weather prognostications sent out by the signal office daily are really made by a certain old gentleman deeply versed in meteorological lore, and to whom the irrelevant appellation of "Old Probabilities" properly belongs, is altogether fallacious. If that name belongs to any one in particular, it ought, perhaps, to attach to Gen. Albert J. Myer, the chief signal officer, under whose general direction weather predictions are made—all except the "Old," which does not apply. Gen. Myer, however, has no direct agency in compiling the daily reports, that work being assigned to three gentlemen—Lieut. Robt. Craig, of the United States army, and Professors Cleveland Abbe and Thompson B. Maury—who alternate in making the daily meteorological forecast. None of these gentlemen are old men. Lieut. Craig is a graduate of West Point and is about twenty-eight years of age; Professor Abbe, who was formerly director of the Cincinnati observatory, is but thirty-five, and Professor Maury, who is a few years ago president of a Kentucky college is about the same age. The professors have no connection with the military service, but are simply employed to aid in compiling the reports. All of these gentlemen are enthusiastic meteorologists, and were selected with a special view to their peculiar qualifications for the positions which they now fill. It will be seen from this statement of facts that "Old Probabilities" is a myth, and that the public is indebted for the daily weather reports printed in the press to three young men, all of whom, as we have before stated, are under thirty-five years of age.

A Chicago girl hearing that her lover had been stricken with small-pox insisted upon flying to his bedside and becoming his nurse. She was a severe case, but she was unceasing in her devotion, and principally through her care and skill the patient recovered. And now she herself fell a victim to the complexed-destroying monster, and although she survived the attack at its close the beautiful pink and white of her fair face had flown forever, and from being the prettiest girl in Chicago she became one of the plainest. Her lover had attended her through her illness, but when he saw how fearfully she was changed his love for her departed, and when the marriage day drew near he refused to fulfill his part of the contract. She took his refusal very calmly, no reproaches came from the once pretty mouth which had lost its prettiness in saving the ungrateful one from death; her cheek, which the tell-tale blood used so often to tinge with rosy-red, retained its color, and she married an octogenarian worth \$500,000.

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